

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3 to 5 and 7 to 25 remain in this application. Claims 2 and 6 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to filing in a continuing application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 6 and claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form in view of the prior cited in the European Search Report, filed herewith, particularly European Patent Application 0 149,868.

Claims 12, 14 and 24 have been rewritten to improve definiteness. Claims 11, 12, 14 to 16, 19, 22, 23 and 25 have been amended to conform to the amendments to claims 1 and 24.

Respectfully submitted,

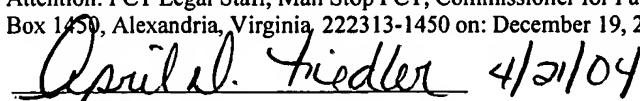
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